

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

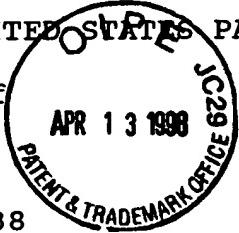
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Title: BUFFER MANAGEMENT IN VARIABLE BIT-RATE COMPRESSION SYSTEMS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231



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Atty. Docket No. *cole*

PHB 33-946A

Group Art Unit: 2713

Examiner: A. Rao

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 10, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows (the time for responding having been extended for one month by the accompanying Petition):

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

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1. (Four Times Amended) A method of compression for transmission of encoded digital video signals having a variable number of data bits per image frame, comprising the steps of:
    - a) detecting a first bit <sup>rate</sup> of an encoded digital video signal bit stream;
    - b) sequentially writing the encoded digital video signal bit stream into a buffer at the first bit rate;
    - c) deriving a second bit rate as a percentage of the first bit rate, which percentage changes inversely in relation to changes in the first bit rate; and